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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF US ARMS POLICY WITH DEFENSE MINISTER

1. I PAID A COURTESY CALL ON NEW KUWAIT DEFENSE MINISTER SHAIKH SALEM SABAH AL-SALEM AL-SABAH ON FEBRUARY 26 AND TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW ONGOING AND UPCOMING MAJOR FMS PROGRAMS WITH GOK. IN LIGHT OF HIS INEXPERIENCE WITH DEFENSE MATTERS AND THE CURRENT KUWAITI INTEREST IN SUPPORTING SOMALIA IN CONTEXT OF OGADEN CONFLICT, I ALSO REVIEWED FOR SHAIKH SALEM THE NEW U.S. ARMS POLICY POINTING OUT DIRECT ROLE OF PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS IN THIS PROCESS. I STRESSED, PARTICULARLY, THAT ANY RESALE OF U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT IS PROHIBITED WITHOUT WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE USG.

2. I HAD NOT INTENDED TO REPORT THIS ESSENTIALLY ROUTINE CALL BUT THOUGHT IT WORTH RECORDING THAT NEW DEFENSE MINISTER WAS CLEARLY APPRISED OF RESTRICTIONS IN THE TRANSFER OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT RECEIVED FROM THE U.S. BECAUSE OF THE SOMALI/ETHIOPIA CONFLICT ASPECT.

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